# An Empirical Study on the Socio-Legal Impact of Domestic Violence Special Reference to Chennai

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**Abstract:**

**Aim:** Domestic violence, a pervasive social issue, transcends cultural, economic, and geographic boundaries, affecting individuals irrespective of gender, with women and children being the primary victims. This empirical study examines the socio-legal impact of domestic violence, focusing on Chennai, India, while comparing it with trends in other metropolitan cities like Mumbai and Bengaluru. The study identifies socio-economic and cultural factors contributing to domestic violence, evaluates government initiatives and legal frameworks such as the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA), 2005, and analyzes trends in reported cases over time. Keywords Domestic Violence, Socio-Legal Impact, Trauma, Women Protection Act, Chennai, Gender Equality, Structural Hierarchies, Multi-Methods Approach. Trends during the COVID-19 pandemic indicate a spike in cases, mirroring similar urban challenges in Bengaluru, such as work-life imbalances in dual-income households.

**Methodology:** Utilizing a convenience sampling method, the study collected primary data from 203 respondents via a structured questionnaire and secondary data from scholarly sources. Analytical tools, including SPSS, pie charts, and bar graphs, were employed.

**Findings:** This research underscores the need for targeted interventions, societal reforms, and enhanced legal protections to combat domestic violence effectively in urban.

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